

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

DRAFT of the Minutes of Meeting Held on July 23, 2014, 7 pm at the Veterans Hall

The Richmond Heritage Commission held its first meeting on July 23, 2014 at 7 pm at the Veterans Hall in Richmond. Attending were all members recently appointed by the Select Board to serve on the Commission for the following terms of office:

Carol Jameson - 2 years
Sandy Laughner – 2 years
Susan Marsden – 1 year
Hank Hallas – 3 years
Bob Weekes – 3 years

Carol Jameson agreed to Chair the Commission and Bob Weekes will serve as Secretary. Meetings will generally be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Vets Hall.

A draft inventory of historic sites and other “historic” subjects contributing to Richmond’s quality of life, prepared by Hank Hallas in collaboration with other Commission members, was discussed in considerable detail. Hank agreed to take into consideration input from the group and will present a revised inventory at our next meeting, scheduled a month from now on August 20th. The Commission regards this opening inventory as a necessity as we begin work. But we also view it as a work in progress, knowing that new information will likely become available that will continually guide our course. Importantly, the inventory will enable us to focus on projects we regard as highest priority and also most suited to the aims and capacity of the Richmond Heritage Commission.

Three additional tasks were assigned. Hank Hallas will confer with Marcus Beauregard and E. Allen Holbrook to gather historical background information on the ball field and town park that were located in the “Allen Lot.” Bob Weekes will confer with Jeff Taylor and John Randall to see whether any old growth forest still exists in Richmond. And Bob Weekes and Sandy Laughner will see if the stone watering trough which sits alongside the south entrance to the Town Hall parking area can be unearthed and reset on a firm base at the site, preparatory to landscaping same and showcasing it as a Richmond historical artifact.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Weekes, Secretary